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Former UCLA Associate Athletic Director Pleads in Child Pornography Case

A former UCLA associate athletic director entered a no contest plea today to one misdemeanor count of possession of child pornography, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Samer Hathout of the High Tech Crime Division said Michael Sondheimer, 59, was immediately sentenced to three years summary probation and was ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Shelly Torrealba of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center also ordered Sondheimer to attend sex offender counseling for one year and to forfeit the computer containing the illegal images.

On April 24, 2013, the defendant was found in possession of child pornography on his work-issued laptop computer, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the University of California Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.